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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-13 remain in this application. Claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3 and 7 have been amended. Claim 4 has been previously presented. New Claim 14 has been added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the detailed study of the application and prior art. At the outset, Applicants request that the finality of this Final Rejection be withdrawn. In the last Amendment filed February 7, 2007, Applicants had amended claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1. In response to that Amendment that only incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1 to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner stated in the instant Final Rejection that Applicants' Amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this Office Action. In response to that Amendment to place the case in condition for allowance, the Examiner located new prior art, U.S. Patent No. 6,761,387 to Sloss, and rejected claims 1-7 as anticipated, but objected to claims 8-9 as allowable. Claims 10-13 were allowed.

Applicants request that the finality of the rejection be withdrawn since the Final Rejection under these circumstances is improper.

Applicants have amended the claims again to place this case in condition for allowance. Claim 7 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter from claim 8 such that adjacent ones of the concentrically nestable tubular boom sections are mutually engageable with one another by means of a helical track formed on an outer cylindrical surface of a relatively radially interior tubular boom

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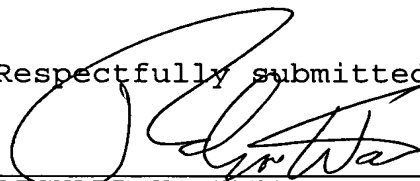
section, and associated rollers formed on an inner surface of a relatively radially exterior tubular boom section and being arranged to ride along the helical track.

Claim 1 has been similarly amended to add that subject matter into claim 1.

Old claim 2, which had been cancelled in the last Amendment, is now new claim 14, and claim 3 has been changed to depend on new claim 14.

Applicants contend that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

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